GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Operation of Flights from Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present, out of 125 airports managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI), 69 airports receive commercial flights, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make use of the remaining airports by operating commercial flights, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing airport terminals in the country can handle 25 crore passengers per annum, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this is quite insufficient in commensurate with the growth of air traffic in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): At present, 72 Airports Authority of India"s (AAI) airports including four JVC airports receive scheduled flights. Details are at Annexure.;

(b): Flight operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) issued by the Government. The airline operators provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand, commercial viability and their company policy. However, Government of India has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme under National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 which envisages revival of unserved and underserved airports in the Country. The scheme is demand driven.;

(c): Yes, Madam. The existing airport terminals in the country can handle 27.85 crores passengers per annum.;

(d): Expansion/Capacity Enhancement of airports is a continuous process which is undertaken by AAI from time to time depending on the passenger traffic, operational requirements, land availability etc. Though the overall airport capacity in the country is more than the present demand, AAI has prepared an action plan to enhance the overall capacity of airports.